



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 279

By Senator Southerland

and

Representative Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sam K. Keesecker of Erwin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sam K. Keesecker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keesecker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Sam Keesecker served with acumen and alacrity for the past forty years as the owner and operator of Keesecker Appliance and Furniture Company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keesecker earned a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Tennessee in 1966; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service and involvement, Sam Keesecker dedicated his time and energies in service on the boards of directors of a number of civic organizations, including the Kiwanis Club of Erwin, which he also served as president, the YMCA, the Monroe Foundation, and the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce. He also held membership in the Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keesecker was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Sam Keesecker enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-three years, Penny Bailey Keesecker, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Kurt and Lia Keesecker and Nathan and Amy Keesecker; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his siblings, Irene Gray, A.G. Keesecker, Jerry Keesecker, Nancy Bogart, Conrad Keesecker, Katrinka Quillen, John Keesecker, Michael Keesecker, Steven Keesecker, and Karl Keesecker; his grandchildren, Lena, Eve, Cy, Jacob, and Sarah Keesecker; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Sam Keesecker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sam K. Keesecker, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Keesecker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 4, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR